All Saints' Day November 3, 2024



"Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People."

The Divine Service

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AS WE GATHER

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1) and tells of "the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven" and "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that "the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake" (TLH 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God's grace we, too, will be "numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting" (LSB, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

Words of Welcome

Invocation

- ▲ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

- A Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

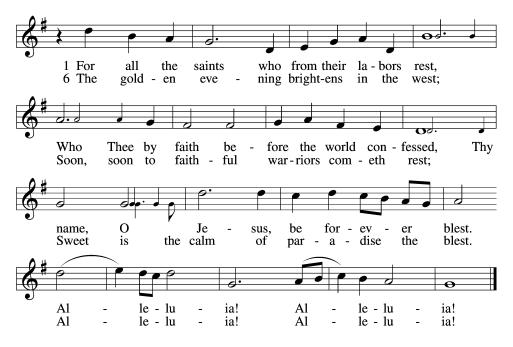
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- ▲ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Processional Hymn

"For All the Saints"

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Kyrie

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- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"This Is the Feast"



Salutation

- **A** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- A Let us pray. Inspire us, God of the ages, by the lives of men and women of faith from times past. Help us to learn from their witness, to honor their contributions to our heritage, and to consider their examples as we follow Jesus Christ, our leader and our master, in our generation. In His abiding name, we pray.
- C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

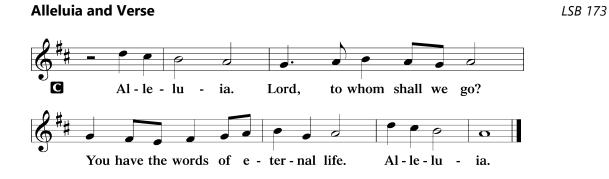
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.





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Holy Gospel

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions. Whose Son Is the Christ? ³⁵ And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet."³⁷ David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly.

- A This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You

Bridge

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Verse

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy... "Congregation responds, "Hear our Prayer".

COMMEMERATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

A Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is death of His saints. On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end. We remember the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

Offering

"Be not Afraid"

Choir, 11:00 a.m.

Offertory Prayer

- A Let us pray: Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

A word about Holy communion We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

Service of the Sacrament

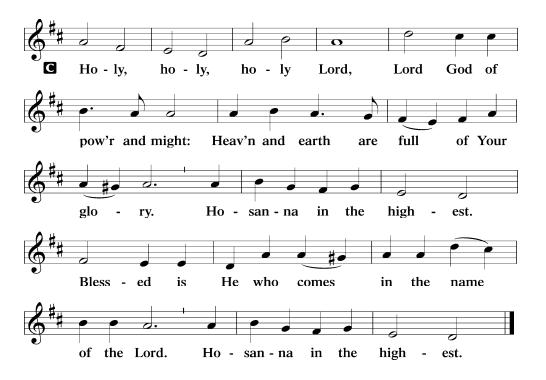
Preface

- A The Lord be with you.
- **O** And also with you.
- A Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **I**t is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

- A Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

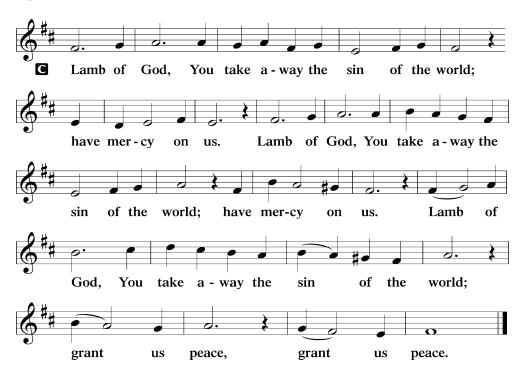
Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

- A The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **•** And also with you.

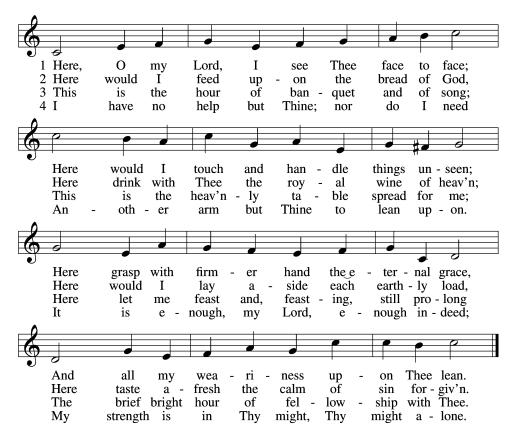
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Agnus Dei



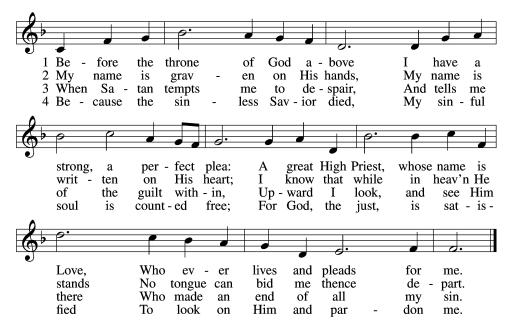
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Distribution Hymns



- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

"Before the Throne of God Above"



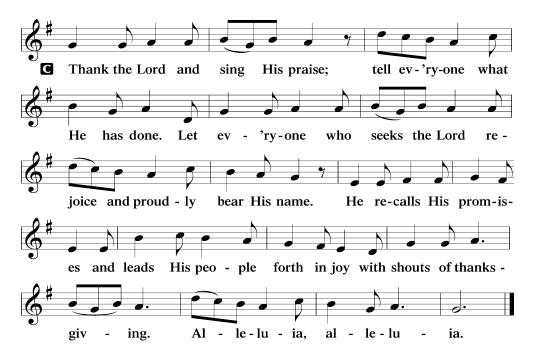
- 5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
- At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Closing of the Table



Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine

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Dismissal

- Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as.... **Disciples making disciples.** A
- С
- Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God! A
- C

Mark Your Calendars!

November 8, 2024	OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) monthly gathering in Rooms 201/202 at 7:00 pm.
November 9, 2024	Youth Service Saturday – Beach Clean Up
November 15, 2024	Senior Youth Lock Out An all-nighter out on the town. And back at church for a night full of fun till breakfast.
November 16, 2024	Christmas Artisan Market from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
November 23, 2024	Trivia Night Fundraiser Join and support the Senior Youth as they raise money to serve others. Play in person and online. Gather a team to play!
November 27, 2024	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Gather together to give thanks at 7:30pm
December 4, 2024	Midweek Advent Worship Wednesdays at 7:30pm
December 6, 2024	Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m.
December 8, 2024	Quiet Christmas Service All are invited for an evening of inspirational readings and music in preparation of the Birth of Christ. A holiday reception will follow.



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> Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School for children and youth: 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM



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